

Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence: Yesterday, Today,

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GENESIS

- In January 1999, 60 Minutes aired a program very critical of domestic violence in the military
- The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY 00 (PL 106-65), § 591 established the DTFDV



BACKGROUND

- 24 Members appointed by SecDef (March 24, 2000)
 - 12 senior members from DoD
 - 12 subject matter experts from private sector
- 10 Staff members
 - Executive Director
 - Deputy Director
 - 4 work group leaders (3 military, 1 civilian)
 - 4 administrative support
- TF required to submit 1st report NLT 12 months from date of appointment



PURPOSE OF TASK FORCE

Review and evaluate current programs and policies associated with domestic violence in the Department of Defense



GOAL

- Provide recommendations that improve domestic violence programs within DoD
- Assist the Department in implementing the Task Force recommendations
- Link the military and civilian communities to improve, strengthen, and coordinate domestic violence prevention and intervention efforts for service members and their families

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YESTERDAY: WHAT HAS BEEN DONE



INITIAL MEETING

- April 2000
- Organizational meeting
- Workgroups
 - Victim Safety
 - Offender Accountability
 - Community Collaboration
 - Education and Training
 - Special Interest
 - Definition of Domestic Violence



SCHEDULE

- July 2000 orientation
- September 2000 site visits
 - Ft Bragg
 - Camp LeJeune
- November 2000 site visits
 - Langley AFB & Naval Support Activity, Norfolk
- January 2001
- May 2001- site visits to Europe
- August 2001 site visits to Pacific
- November 2001
- January 2002
- March 2002



FIRST REPORT

- First report submitted with 66 core recommendations in following areas:
 - Community Collaboration
 - Education and Training
 - Offender Accountability
 - Victim Safety
- DoD had 90 days to forward Task Force report to SASC and HASC with comments (sent to Congress 19 November 2001- disagreed with 3 recommendations).



SIGNIFICANT

- SecDef sign a memorandum that established domestic violence as a pervasive problem that cannot be tolerated
 - Challenge Service Secretaries and Commanders to intensify their efforts related to domestic violence
 - Signed out by Deputy SecDef on 19 November 2001

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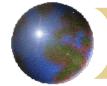


SECOND YEAR REPORT

- The TF is providing follow-up and implementation assistance on recommendations from the 1st report
- Includes an assessment and recommendations specific to overseas
- Provides definition of domestic violence

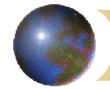
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TOMORROW:
WHAT STILL
NEEDS TO BE
DONE



CHALLENGING TF

- Is tablish some level of confidentiality for victims
 - Shift FAP focus from "treating" offenders to "assisting" victims
 - Identify effective diversion/treatment program(s) for offenders according to their level of involvement
 - Establish data collection requirement (DIBRS/Central Registry)



CHALLENGING TF ISSUES -

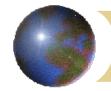
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- Review/Revise CRC process
- Empower commanders to hold offenders accountable
- Set the stage with other agencies to leverage their domestic violence prevention programs
- Create an effective domestic violence prevention program



BOTTOM LINE(S)

- Critical to emphasize that domestic violence will not be tolerated
- Victim safety must be paramount
- Family Advocacy Programs must be more victim focused
- Essential to establish some level of confidentiality for victims
- OSD FAP staff reflects level of importance



BOTTOM LINE(S) -

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- Commanders need to hold offenders accountable
- CRC process needs revamped
- Education/Training needs to be standardized and emphasized
- Reporting vehicle DIBRS/Central Registry



THIRD YEAR REPORT

Goal: Service delivery model that pulls it all together.